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JERSEY COMMUNITY RELATIONS TRUST

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Meeting of the Trustees of Jersey Community Relations Trust
Monday 2 October 2023, Eagle Lab, Jersey Library

In attendance:

Kate Wright (KW)
Kaye Nicholson-Horn (KNH)
Selina Zenonos (SZ)
Cormac Timothy (CT)
Rachel Camara (RC)
Karen Le Roy Harris (KLRH)
Deputy Carina Alves (CA) (via Zoom)
Philippa Galan-Caballero (PGC) (via Zoom)
Tina Jhurry (TJ) (via Zoom)

Apologies: Sean Madden (SM), Dan Read (DR), Thomas Glover (TG)

1. Karen Le Roy Harris, Creative Producer, Art House Jersey *'People we Love' and 'Skipton Big Ideas – Human Connections'*

KLRH discussed the Skipton Good Ideas exhibition, 'Human Connections', which is a piece of participatory artwork. They encouraged members of Jersey's community to bring an image of someone they love and the image was then projected while each participant took part in a meditation. This was all filmed, with the idea being to witness love while love is projected onto visitors.

KLRH also ran through a number of other ArtHouse Jersey projects.

KLRH described how ArtHouse Jersey reach members of the community through various charities and community groups. Caritas are a good migrant community group to speak with, as well as Liberate, Friends of Africa and The Salvation Army.

Action: KLRH is working on a new project that she would appreciate JCRT's support with. She will work with 5 different community groups to find out what key messages they want to publicise. This will be done via workshops within PHSE and around schools whereby participants will come up with ideas for art that would be co-designed and created with artists between schools. JCRT to advise of groups that may wish to be involved. KLRH will send information to KW and KW will share with interested groups.

Action: ArtHouse Jersey projects to be shared via JCRT's social media channels.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

To be completed.

Action: Complete minutes from previous meeting.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Update on finances and funding

No update further to the below:

- JCRT is in the process of setting up online banking.
- JCRT receives £20,000 per year from the Government of Jersey, but has not received funding for 3 years. It is unclear why this is. The previous Chair has been unable to provide an explanation, but the JCRT must of course bear some responsibility for this.
- JCRT will receive funding for 2023 but may not receive the funding not given in previous years.

5. Project Luso (part of the International Cultural Centre)

Paul Millbank from the Government of Jersey is supporting an International Cultural Centre project to explore and celebrate Portuguese experiences and culture in Jersey. The project requires an independent body to run the project, and it will be funded by the Government (£70,000 to run the project, encompassing the costs of a Researcher and part-time Project Manager).

KW explains that the JCRT have been invited to take on Project Luso and asks the Trustees if they would like to do so. CA (who is also on a member of the ICC steering group) agrees that the JCRT is the correct forum for this project and that it marries well with the Trust's objectives. The JCRT Trustees agreed to support the project, especially given our stated objectives to research migrant experiences.

CA met with Paul Millbank on Thursday 5 October.

Action: JCRT will have oversight and commission the project which needs to be started as soon as possible.

6. Community Compass project

Paul Millbank is also overseeing the Community Compass Grant Scheme with KW helping to support the Community Connectors network in a personal capacity (although she has also facilitated feedback sessions for Grant receivers pro bono, and on behalf of the JCRT). The aim of the programme is to give small grants to groups, projects, charities and organisations that understand the needs of our Island community in terms of good mental health and wellbeing, that will also have a tangible impact. It is hoped that the programme will have a big impact in reducing isolation through arts, sports and other initiatives.

7. Migrant research

No update.

8. Pride

JCRT had a stall in the Community Zone and CI Pride. JCRT should be more visible at the next Pride in Jersey in 2025.

Action: KNH and HMA to consider how JCRT can engage with attendees better at the next Pride in 2025 and what outcomes JCRT wants. This needs to be tied into the umbrella JCRT strategy. JCRT's 'elevator pitch' also needs consideration.

Action: HMA to design and order a pull-up banner for JCRT.

Action: KNH to consider how we proactively and proudly support LGBTQ+ community following violence and booing at CI Pride.

9. Update on VAWG Taskforce

On 2 November, the Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Taskforce – of which KW is the independent chair – will publish its 230-page report covering all aspects of the system and framework in terms of women and girls' experiences of gender-based violence and abuse. This encompasses support, education, the criminal justice system, the judiciary and the police. The report provides a year's worth of research and 84 recommendations.

10. Communications and social media

No update.

11. One-year review (annual report style)

Action: HMA to write the JCRT Annual Review when JCRT funding has been resolved. It will cover how JCRT has progressed / where JCRT is at, new Trustees, new Chair, promote what JCRT is doing, etc.

12. Projects and opportunities for Board Apprentice Trustees

Action: RC to support on migrant research.

13. Any other business (AOB)

There is currently a consultation on access to abortion.

Action: HMA to share the consultation on access to abortion regarding healthcare accessibility for women, encouraging people to complete the survey, via social media. The JCRT will not take a view on abortion policy, however, viewing this as a matter of personal opinion. It is important that as many women as possible participate in the consultation.

Action: SZ to translate the post into Portuguese for HMA to share via social media.

Action: HMA to organise a date and venue for a JCRT Trustee strategy planning session at the end of 2023/beginning of 2024. It will include discussion regarding how to combat far right wing views (that we are seeing take root globally), and the actions leaders can take to ensure that such toxic rhetoric does not become embedded in Jersey. Trustees should consider how young people consume knowledge in the current climate, how we can educate and empower young people through education, how various parts of our community are impacted e.g., LGBTQ+, immigrants, different age group demographics, etc., and how we connect with each of these groups. Historically we have relied on commissioning research but we can do more.

Action: Publish a social media post advertising the Jersey Language Policy Conference which is taking place on 19-20 October 2023.

Action: HMA to add Thomas Glover to JCRT distribution list, t.glover@gov.je. It has been agreed that Thomas Glover will join the Trust as its second 'board apprentice' Trustee.

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Signed:

Kate Wright, Chair